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TAGS: UNEP AORG (STRONG, MAURICE)

SUBJ: UNEP EXDIR MAURICE STRONG--JOB FUTURE

1. THACHER (UNEP) TELLS US THAT AFTER PRIVATE CON-
VERSATION WITH STRONG HERE OVER WEEKEND AND AGAIN
TODAY BY PHONE AT NAIROBI, IT CLEAR THAT UNEP EX DIR
HAS NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED EITHER TO ACCEPT OR TURN
DOWN POSITION AS HEAD OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRE-
TARIAT. AT THIS TIME, STRONG ESTIMATES FIFTY-FIFTY
CHANCE THAT HE COULD TAKE WFC JOB.

2. STRONG CONSIDERS THAT SERIOUS UNEP TOP-LEVEL MANAGEMENT
PROBLEMS STILL REQUIRE HIS ATTENTION AND THAT HE
WOULD BE UNWILLING TO LEAVE UNEP POST UNTIL SATISFIED
THAT ORGANIZATION WAS IN POSITION TO CONTINUE ITS
OPERATIONS IN SATISFACTORY MANNER.

3. FURTHERMORE, STRONG CONSIDERS THAT "SATISFACTORY"
CONDITIONS FOR HIS TAKING WFC JOB MUST BE WORKED OUT
AND IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY
ATTITUDES OF NORTH AMERICAN FOOD PRODUCING NATIONS
AND WFC RELATIONS WITH FAO. DALE

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